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BRAZIL.

*Sanitary report from Rio de Janeiro—Yellow fever—Smallpox.*RIO DE JANEIRO, *November 2, 1898.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official report for the week ended October 21. There were 248 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 1 as compared with the foregoing week; 6 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, the same as before; 3 deaths from yellow fever, a decrease of 1; 3 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 3; no deaths from typhoid fever, diphtheria, and whooping cough, a decrease of 1 of each disease; 2 deaths from beriberi, the same as before, and 51 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 5.

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Information.—In regard to infectious diseases, I have to invite attention to the continuous existence of yellow fever. There were during the last week 2 deaths and 5 cases, and in the foregoing week 4 cases and 3 deaths. Smallpox also continues and is increasing a little. There occurred from this disease 5 deaths and 15 cases, and in the foregoing week 3 deaths and 13 cases.

The sanitary state of the port is satisfactory, which is very important because at present we have in this harbor several men-of-war of different nations, to which on the 10th of this month the United States will add the *Oregon*, *Iowa*, and two transport ships, which will probably remain one week.

Let us hope that no casualty will occur on this occasion by the extraordinary hot weather of this season, aided by the yellow fever cases now prevailing and by the presence of so large a number of unacclimated and predisposed persons.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: October 25, bark *Amy*, American, for Baltimore. October 26, steamship *Taormina*, German, for New York. October 27, steamship *Norge*, Norwegian, for New York. October 28, bark *Julia Rollins*, American, for Baltimore. October 29, steamship *Kirriemoor*, British, for Baltimore, and steamship *Hevelius*, Belgian, for New York.

Respectfully, yours,

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MADAGASCAR.

Plague at Tamatave, Madagascar.

[Telegram.]

TAMATAVE, *November 30, 1898.*

Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.: Bubonic plague.—GIBBS, United States Consul.